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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES (ODN)
AGAINST SMAD7 AND USES IN MEDICAL
FIELD THEREOF

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.